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You'll know it by the pressure of her little clinging hand!
—Tudor Jenks, in "Cartoons."

HER HAND.

Down by the stream, beneath a shady tree,
With just the moon and winking stars to see,
For hours and hours they'd nestle close, and he
Would "hold her hand."
It gave him pleasure just to hold it tight
And when at "Bridge" they went to play one night
And she had all the "trumps," he wished he might
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